



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **BOARD OVERRIDES 22 OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 29 BUDGET VETOES**

*Sustained vetoes will save Milwaukee taxpayers an average of 13 cents*

**Milwaukee, WI** - This afternoon, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted to override 22 of the 29 budget vetoes handed down by County Executive Scott Walker earlier this week. **The final 2009 Budget will raise the County's property tax levy by 3.1% percent, the lowest Milwaukee County increase in three years** and well below the mean average increase of 3.54% for other counties, municipalities and taxing authorities in southeastern Wisconsin (see attached charts).

"In a budget of more than \$1.4 billion, the County Executive's seven sustained vetoes only reduce the property tax levy by \$50,000," Chairman Holloway said. "These sustained vetoes will save the average Milwaukee taxpayer 13 cents on their 2009 property tax bills."

The County portion of property taxes on a City of Milwaukee home worth \$150,000 last year (now valued at \$153,800 this year due to the average citywide assessment increase) will increase an average of \$12.04.

"If the County Executive would have worked with the Board earlier in the budget process, he might have been able to get more accomplished. But it's very difficult to work with the County Executive when he legislates through the media instead of working directly with County Supervisors."

### **Votes from today's veto override meeting:**

1. Denying the creation of a Grants Writer/Coordinator position at the County Board. (Effect of veto: \$80,044 tax levy reduction.)  
**13-6 to override**
2. Eliminating the \$125,000 appropriation for services to the Men of Color Task Force. (Effect of veto: \$125,000 tax levy reduction.)  
**13-6 to override**

3. Partially vetoing the Recommended Budget by eliminating language and funding for a salary increase for the County Executive's Chief of Staff. (Effect of veto: \$23,987 tax levy reduction.)  
**3-16, veto sustained**
4. Eliminating a \$100,000 tax levy appropriation for the Summer Youth Employment Program. (Effect of veto: \$100,000 tax levy reduction.)  
**15-4 to override**
5. Eliminating a \$60,000 appropriation for maintenance of the floor structure in the laboratory area of the Technology Innovation Center. (Effect of veto: \$60,000 tax levy reduction.)  
**13-6 to override**
6. Removing language related to the use of \$1,500,000 added to the Appropriation for Contingencies. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction.)  
**12-7, veto sustained**
7. Denying the restoration of funding for certain Combined Courts Related Operations positions. (Effect of veto: \$1,312,846 tax levy reduction.)  
**16-3 to override**
8. Denying funding for certain Register of Deeds positions and offsetting revenue. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
9. Denying funding for the Community Justice Resource Center. (Effect of veto: \$983,011 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
10. Denying funding for Wisconsin Community Service contract job development and job readiness services to House of Correction inmates. (Effect of veto: \$242,217 tax levy reduction.)  
**13-6 to override**
11. Denying the appropriation for the Farm and Fish Hatchery, reducing House of Correction revenue, and removing language that earmarks funding for this service in the Appropriation for Contingencies. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
12. Denying the restoration of Transit Route 11. (Effect of veto: \$516,996 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
13. Denying the reduction in various Transit fares, and reducing the Department on Aging CMO co-pay for Paratransit rides. (Effect of veto: \$880,500 tax levy reduction.)  
**15-4 to override**

14. Denying appropriations for the Sister Cities program, Transit fare reductions and Summer Youth Employment, and offsetting parking revenues related to the 6th and State Streets parking lot. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction.)  
**13-6 to override**
15. Denying the restoration of skilled trades positions and restoring funding for contracted services. (Effect of veto: \$1,361,481 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
16. Denying the restoration of housekeeping positions at the Behavioral Health Division. (Effect of veto: \$1,195,326 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
17. Denying the restoration of positions and the appropriation of consulting funds for the DHHS Call Center, and allowing for a contract for call center services. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction.)  
**11-8, veto sustained**
18. Denying the restoration of certain Behavioral Health Division positions relating to accounts receivable, billing and admission services. (Effect of veto: \$277,430 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
19. Denying the restoration of certain Parks Department positions and allowing the use of seasonal positions in the Parks. (Effect of veto: \$1,834,375 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-4 to override**
20. Denying the appropriation for recreation and exercise equipment for the King and Kosciuszko Community Centers. (Effect of veto: \$50,000 tax levy reduction.)  
**12-7, veto sustained**
21. Removing language related to the use of funds for America's Black Holocaust Museum. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction.)  
**11-8, veto sustained**
22. Reducing the appropriation for UW-Extension relocation and space costs. (Effect of veto: \$100,000 tax levy reduction.)  
**14-5 to override**
23. Eliminating the appropriation for the UW-Extension Horticulture Helpline. (Effect of veto: \$12,400 tax levy reduction.)  
**16-3 to override**
24. Removing language to direct that the Director of DAS prepare an appropriation transfer in the fourth quarter of 2009 to move funds from funded but vacant positions to the Appropriation for Contingencies account. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction.)  
**10-9, veto sustained**

25. Denying the appropriation for bicycle racks on MCTS Buses. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction and a \$32,500 general obligation bonding reduction.)  
**16-3 to override**
26. Denying the appropriation for cart paths at the Brown Deer Golf Course. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction and a \$141,000 general obligation bonding reduction.)  
**13-5 to override**
27. Denying the appropriation for the reconstruction of the two Lion Bridges in Lake Park. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction and a \$450,000 general obligation bonding reduction.)  
**14-4 to override**
28. Denying the appropriation for planning and schematic level design for the construction of a new Mental Health Center. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction and a \$750,000 general obligation bonding reduction.)  
**10-9, veto sustained**
29. Denying the appropriation for the purchase of a new pavement marking machine. (Effect of veto: \$0 tax levy reduction and a \$250,000 general obligation bonding reduction.)  
**13-6 to override**
30. Veto of the tax levy increase.  
**(item not necessary)**

*The next regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.*

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